

Hunting in Region 5



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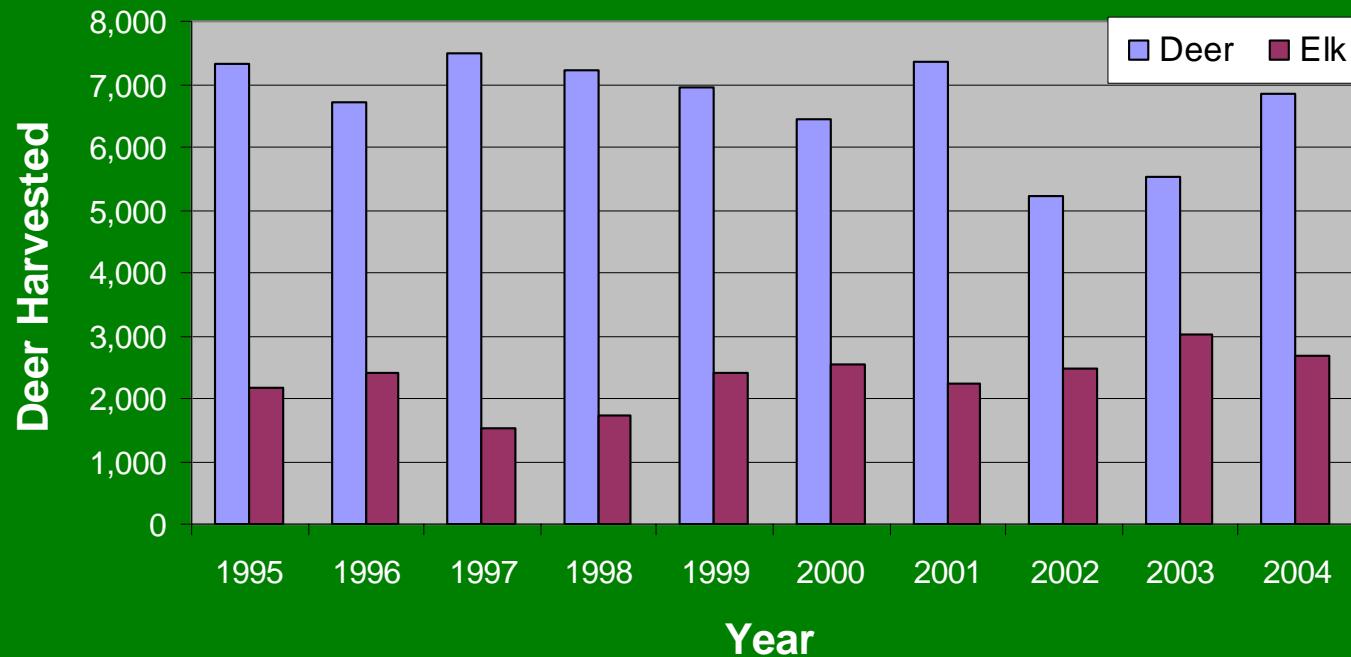
Deer and Elk Hunter Numbers

Deer and Elk Hunter Numbers for Region 5, 1995-2004.



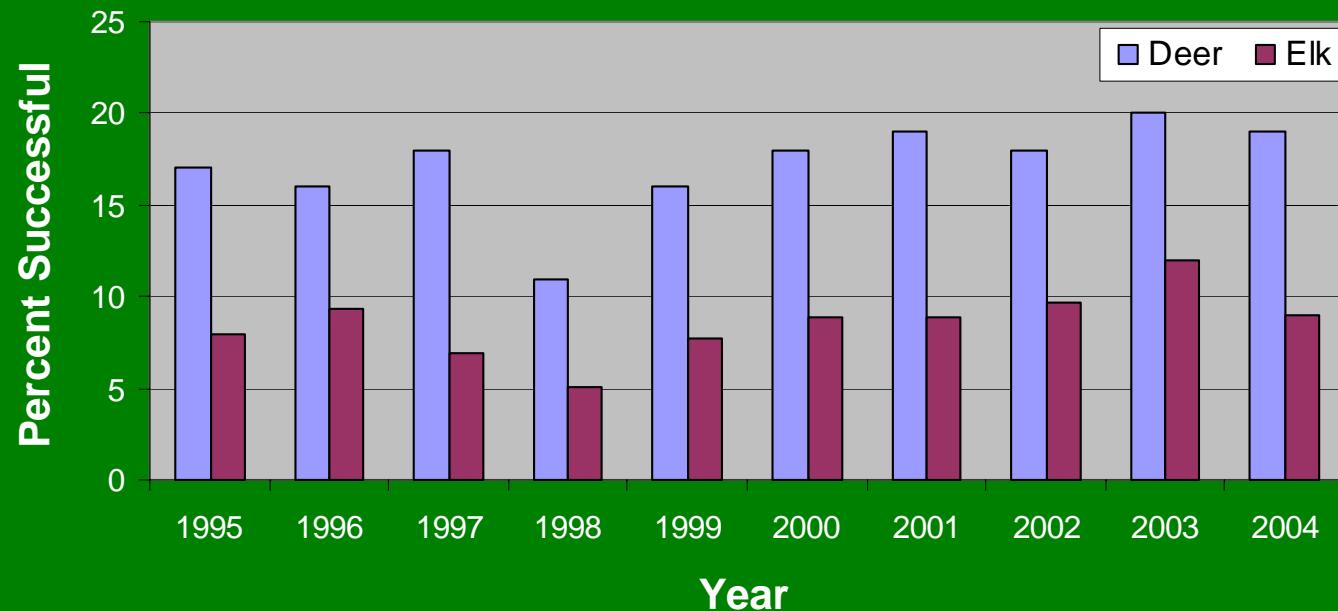
Deer and Elk Harvest in Region 5

Deer and Elk Harvested in Region 5, 1995-2004.



Deer and Elk Hunter Success

**Success Rate for Deer and Elk Hunters in Region 5,
1995-2004.**

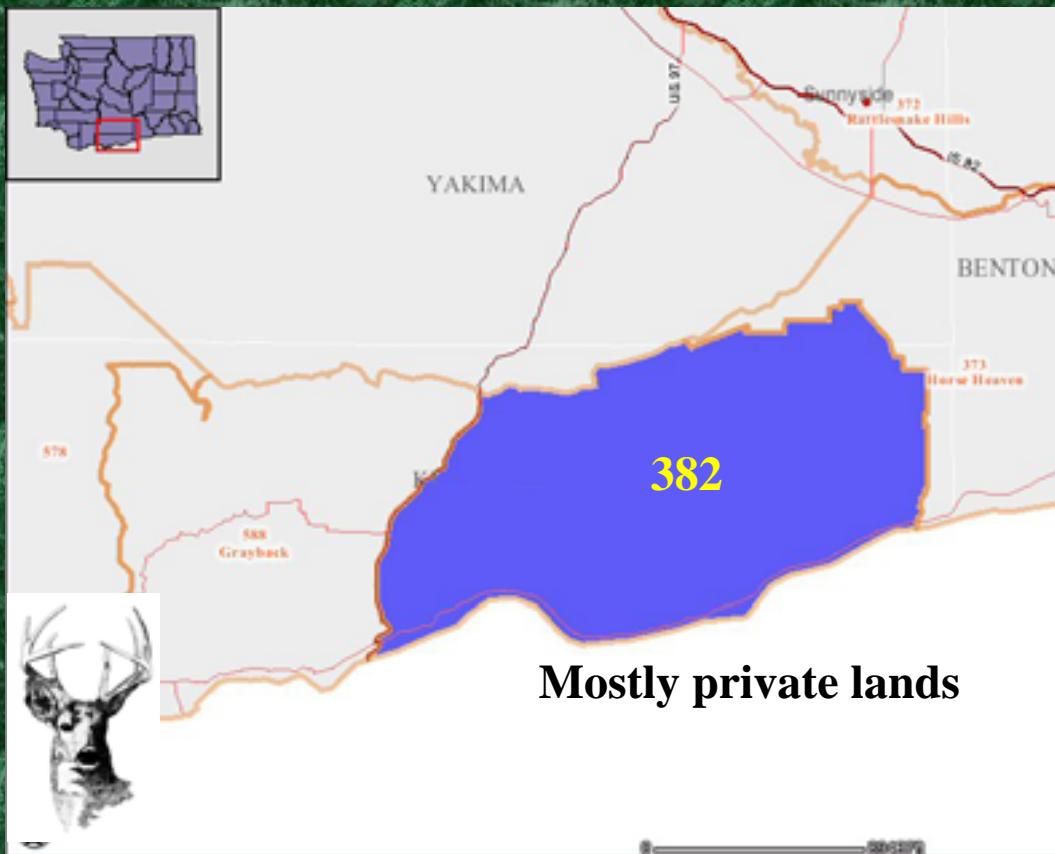


Game Management Unit 382

Mule Deer

2004

Hunters 1,544
Harvest 486
Success 31 %



Population Management Unit 51

Black-tailed Deer



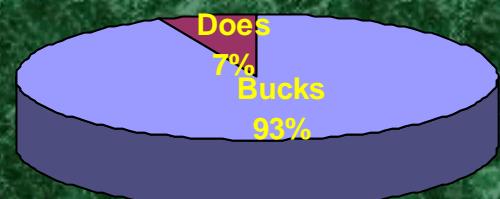
2004

Hunters 5,862

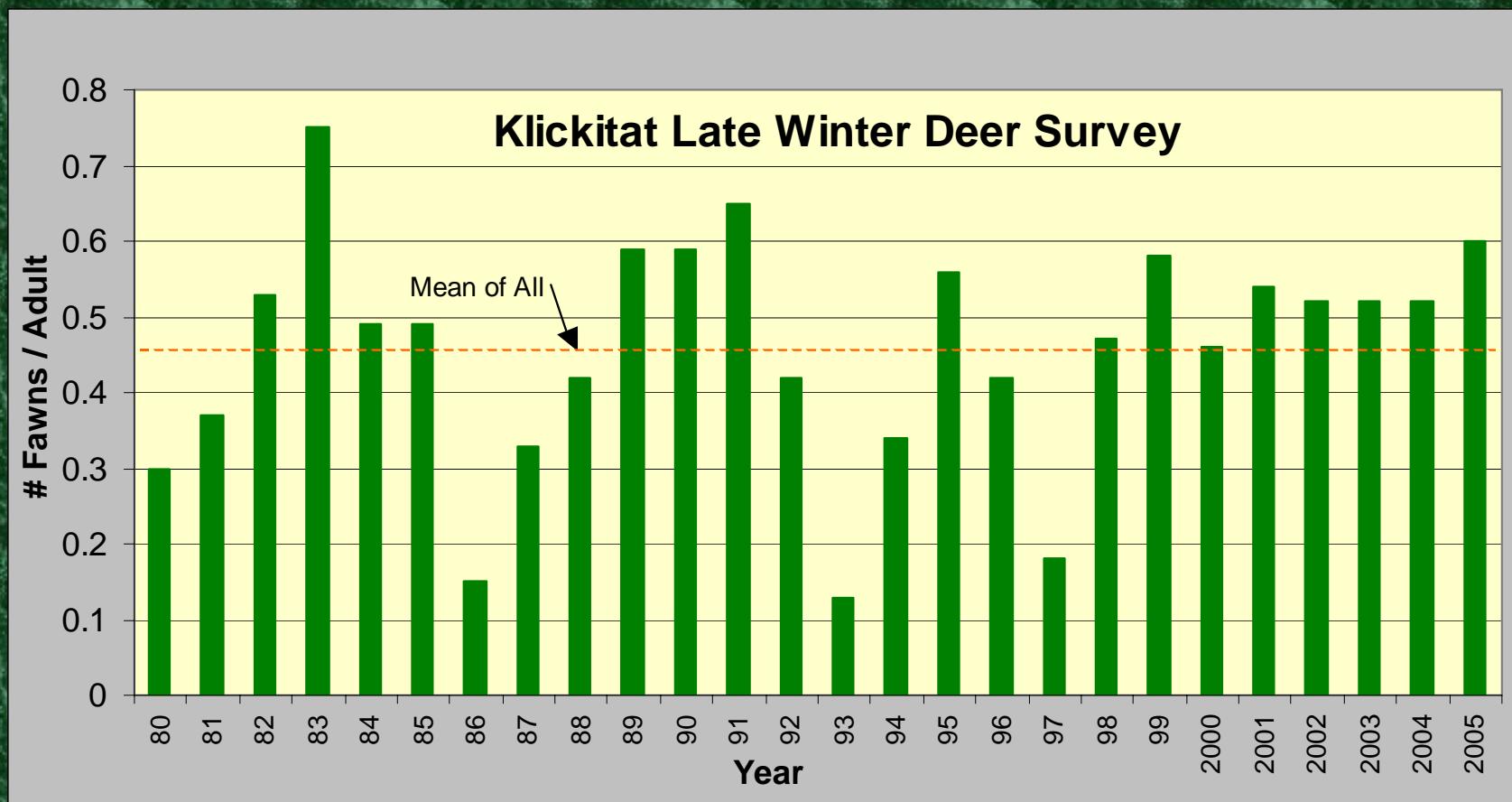
Harvest 1,235

Success 21 %

Deer Harvest PMU 51

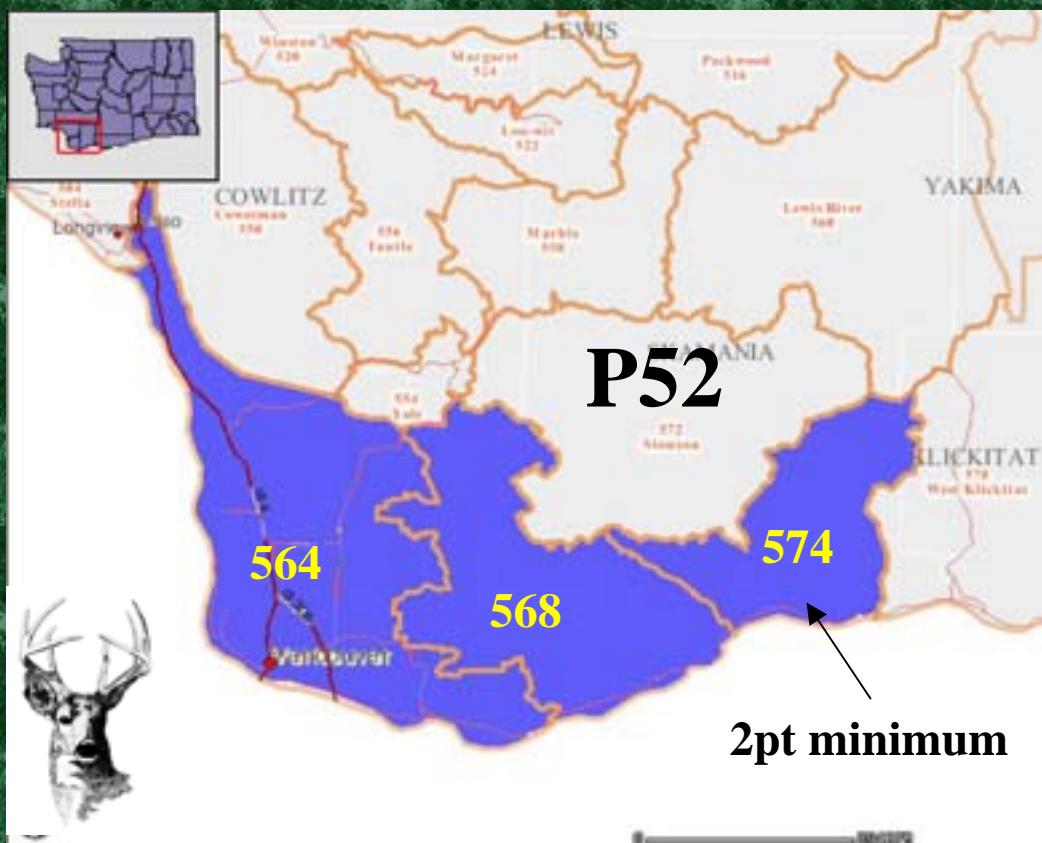


Klickitat Deer GMU 588, Grayback



Population Management Unit 52

Black-tailed Deer



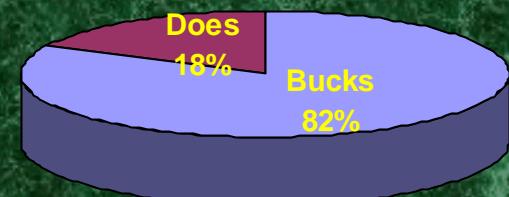
2004

Hunters 4,810

Harvest 1,135

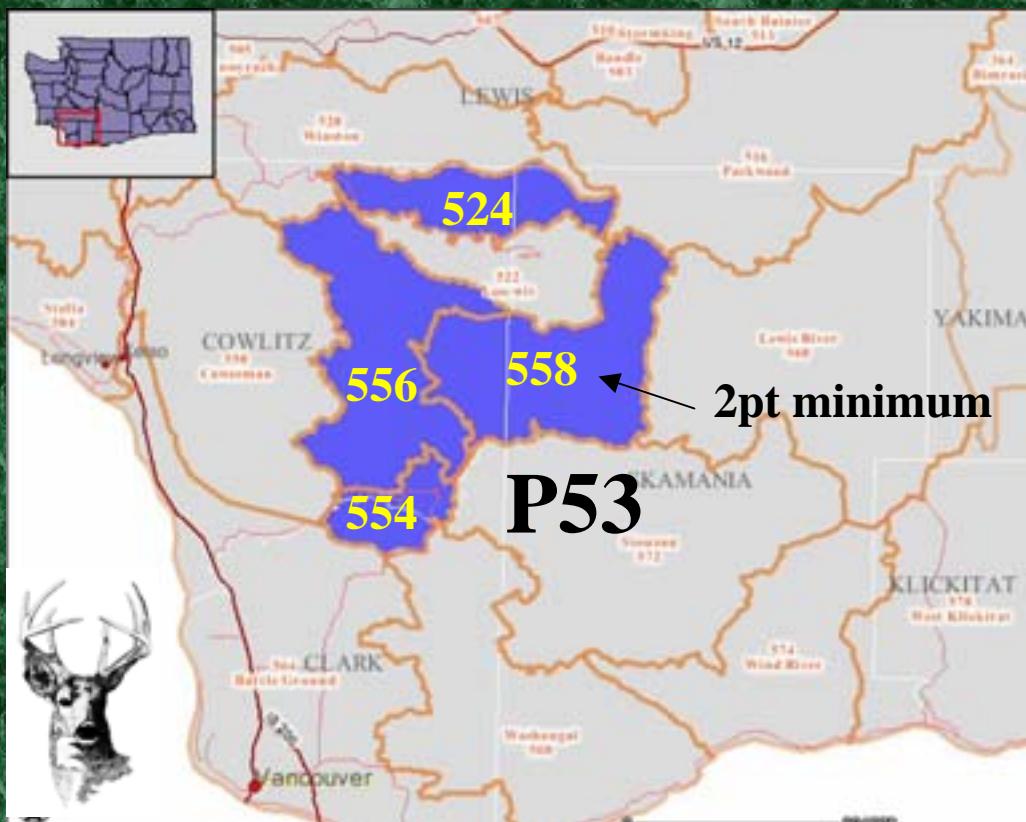
Success 24 %

Deer Harvest PMU 52



Population Management Unit 53

Black-tailed Deer



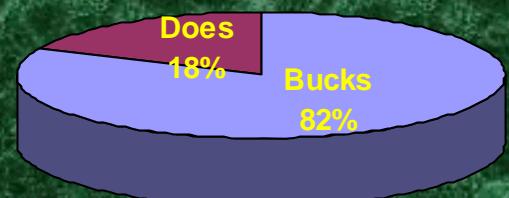
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Hunters 1,511

Harvest 206

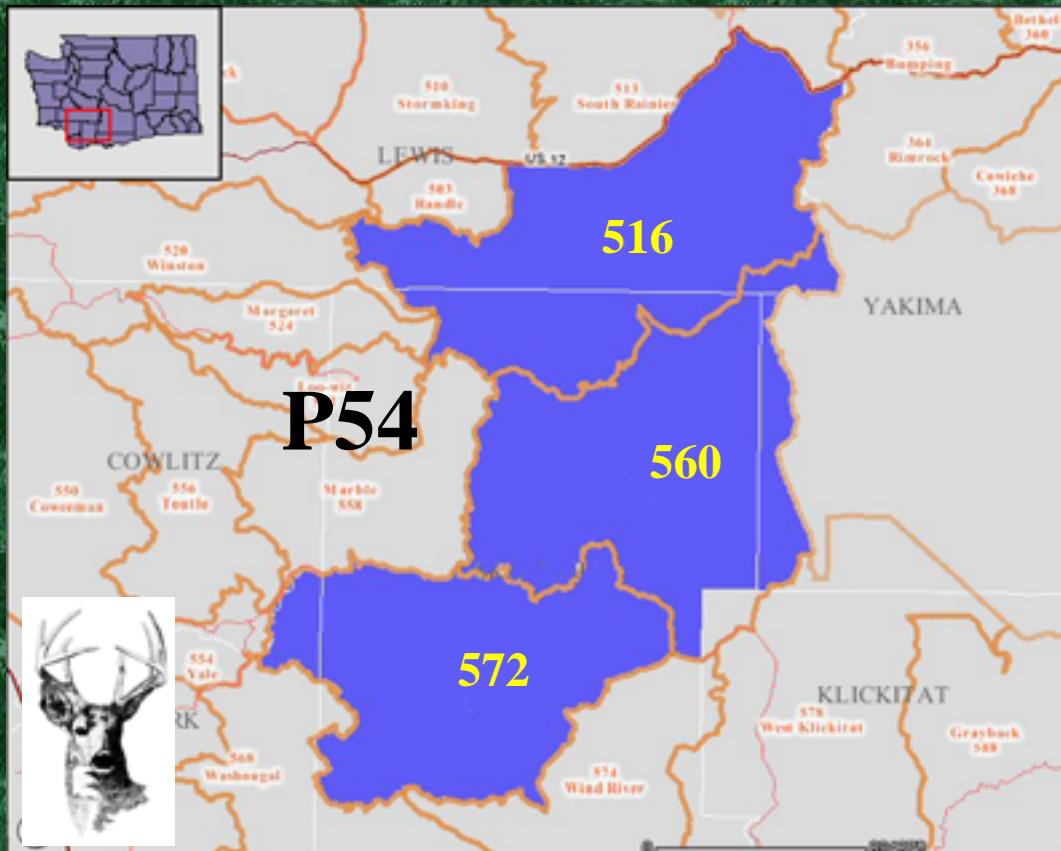
Success 14 %

Deer Harvest PMU 53



Population Management Unit 54

Black-tailed Deer



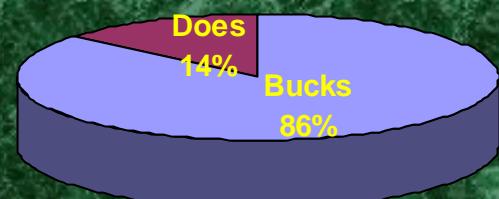
2004

Hunters 4,437

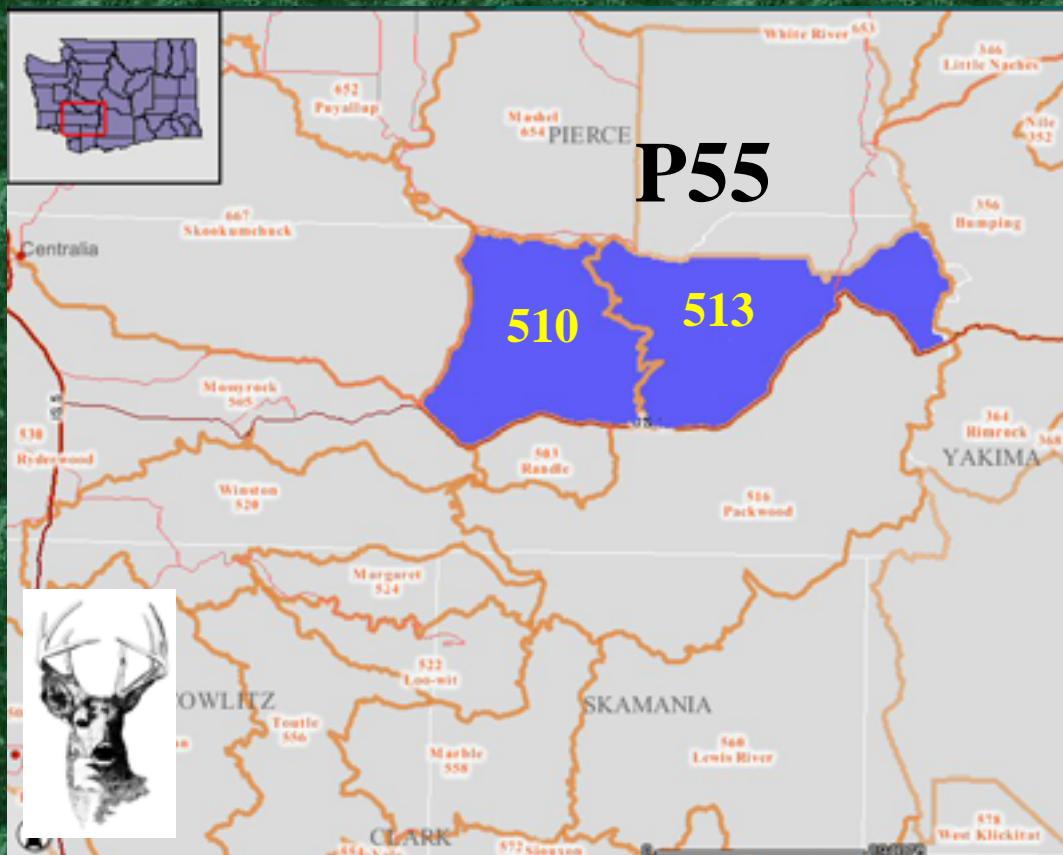
Harvest 636

Success 14 %

Deer Harvest PMU 54



Population Management Unit 55 Black-tailed Deer



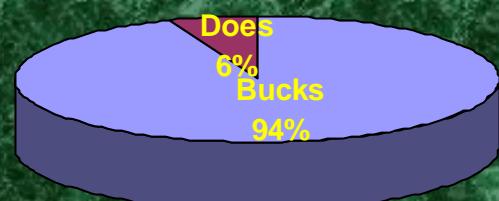
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Hunters 1,251

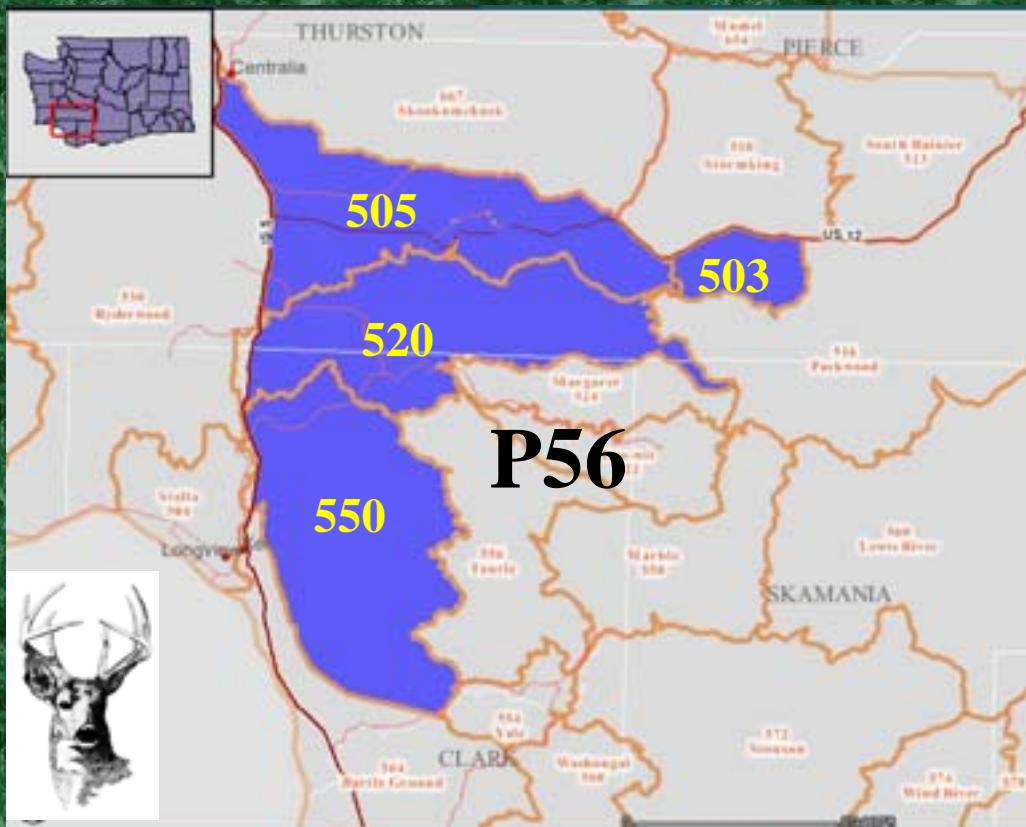
Harvest 228

Success 18 %

Deer Harvest PMU 55



Population Management Unit 56 Black-tailed Deer



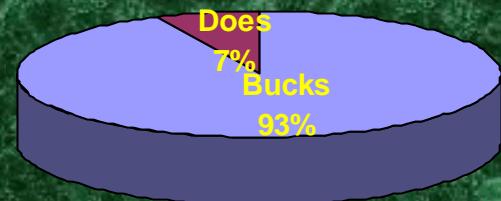
2004

Hunters 7,535

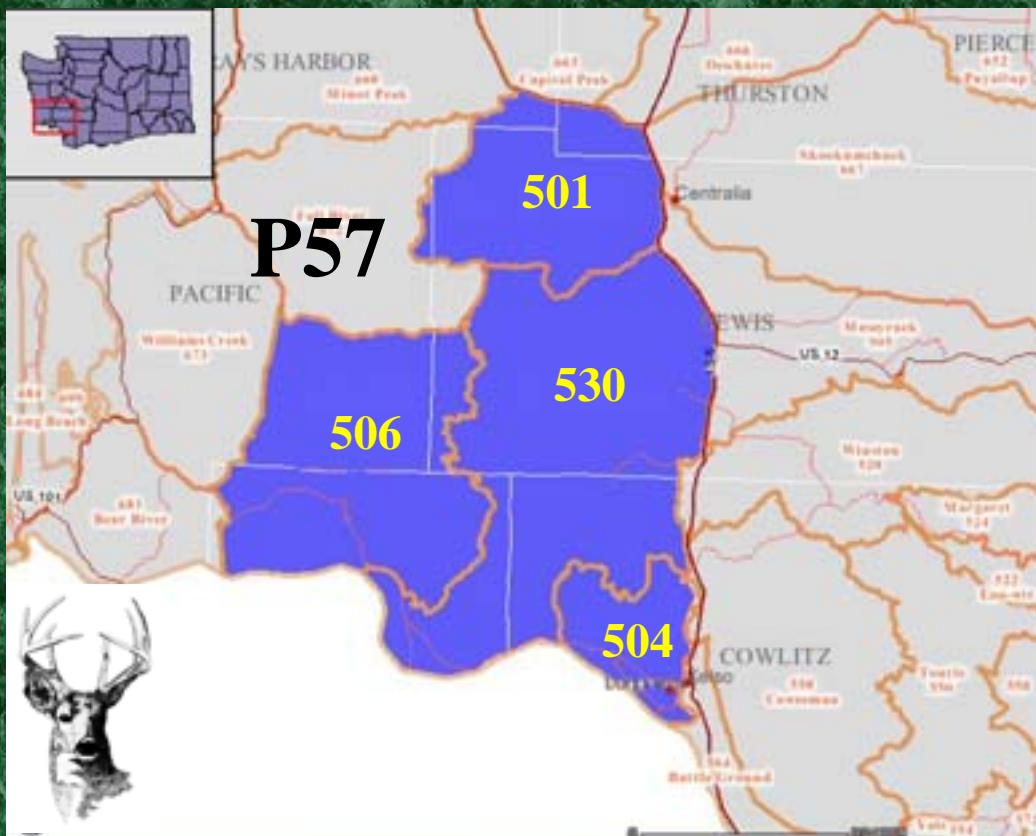
Harvest 1,335

Success 18 %

Deer Harvest PMU 56



Population Management Unit 57 Black-tailed Deer



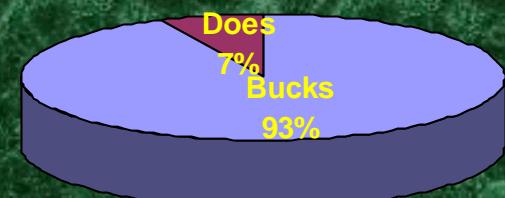
2004

Hunters 7,167

Harvest 1,571

Success 22 %

Deer Harvest PMU 57



Game Management Unit 382 Elk

2004

Hunters	32
Harvest	3
Success	9 %

Only Bulls



Population Management Unit 51 Elk



Population Management Unit 52 Elk



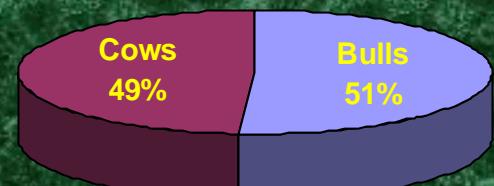
2004

Hunters 2,664

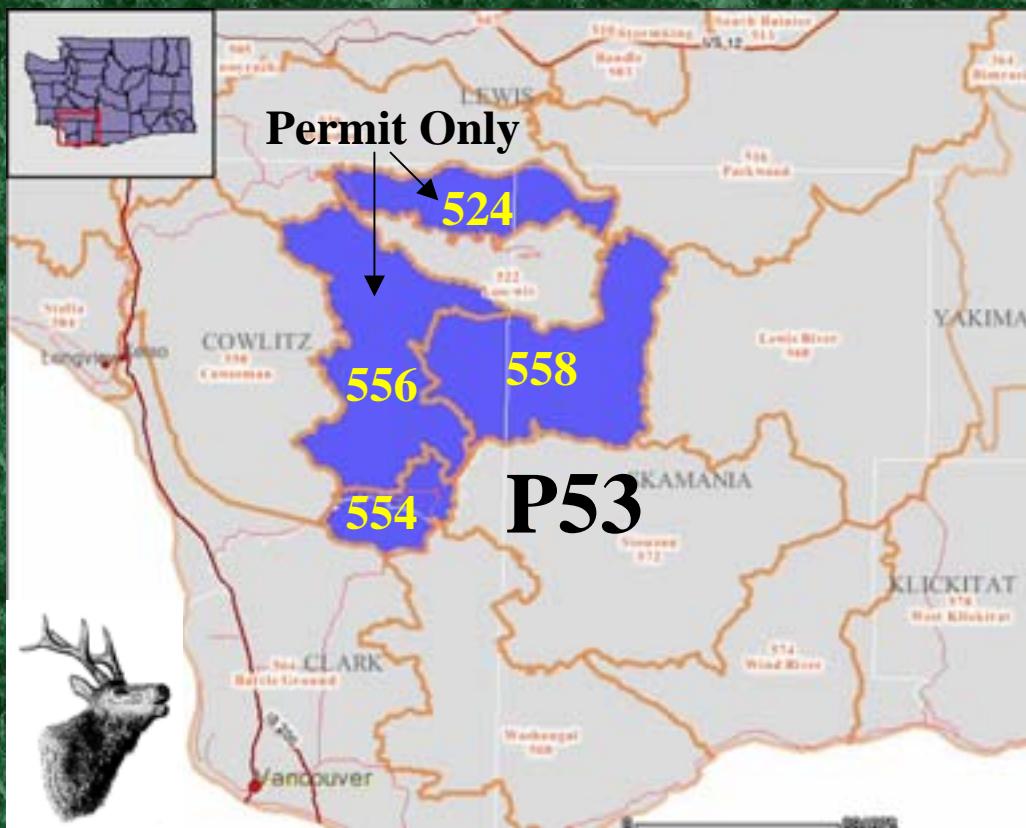
Harvest 254

Success 10 %

Elk Harvest PMU 52



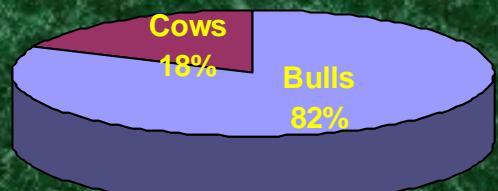
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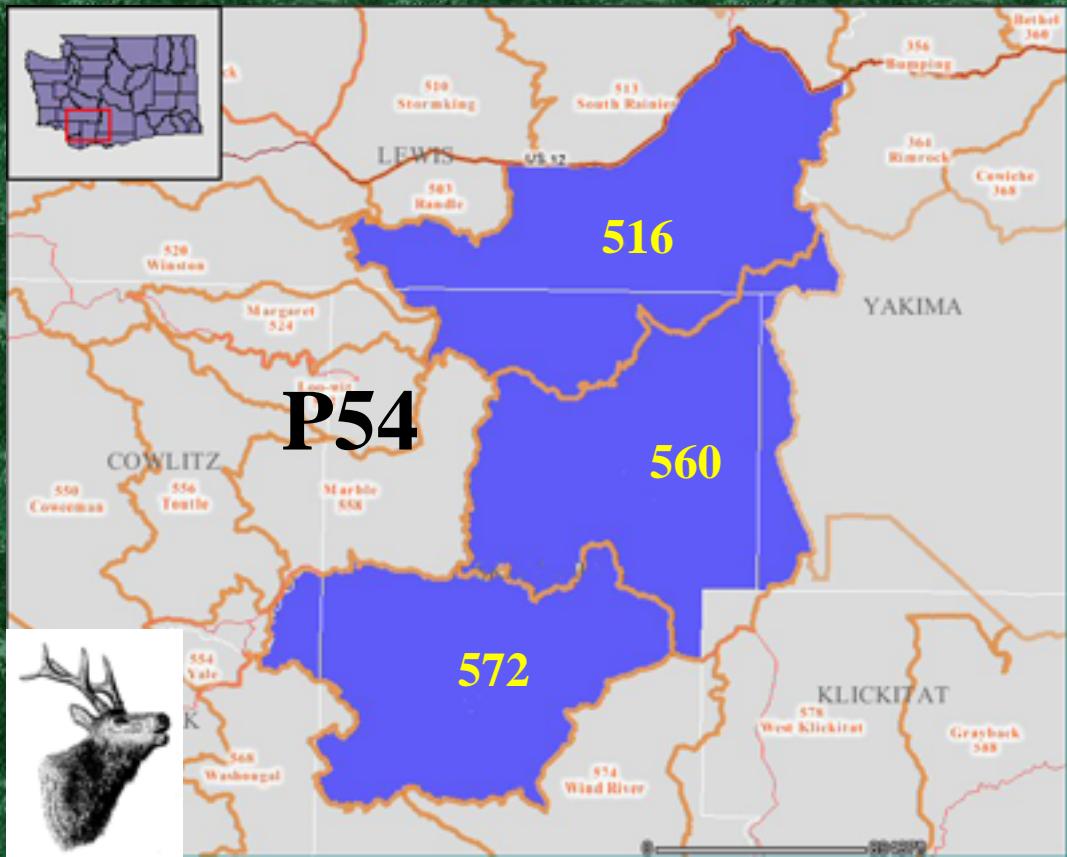
2004

Hunters 1,751
Harvest 168
Success 10 %

Elk Harvest PMU 53



Population Management Unit 54 Elk



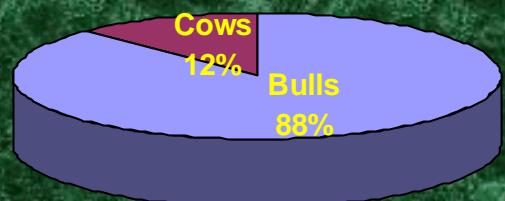
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Hunters 6,690

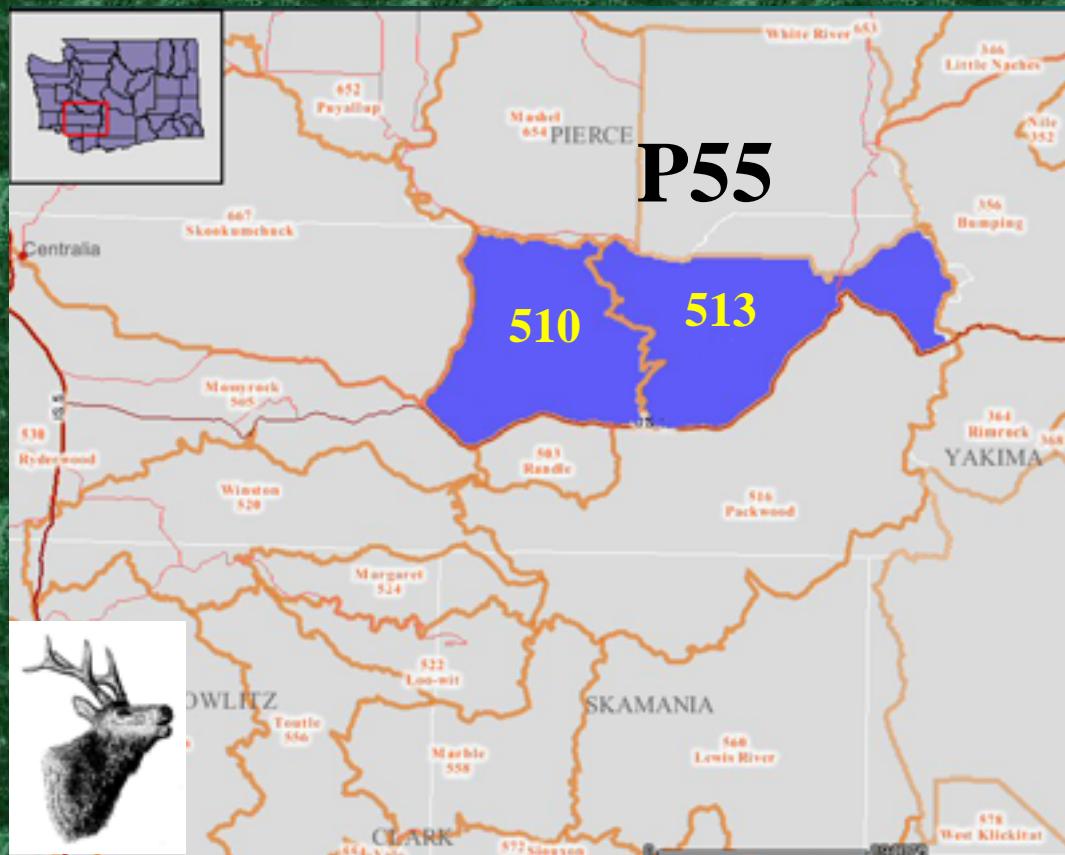
Harvest 495

Success 7 %

Elk Harvest PMU 54



Population Management Unit 55 Elk

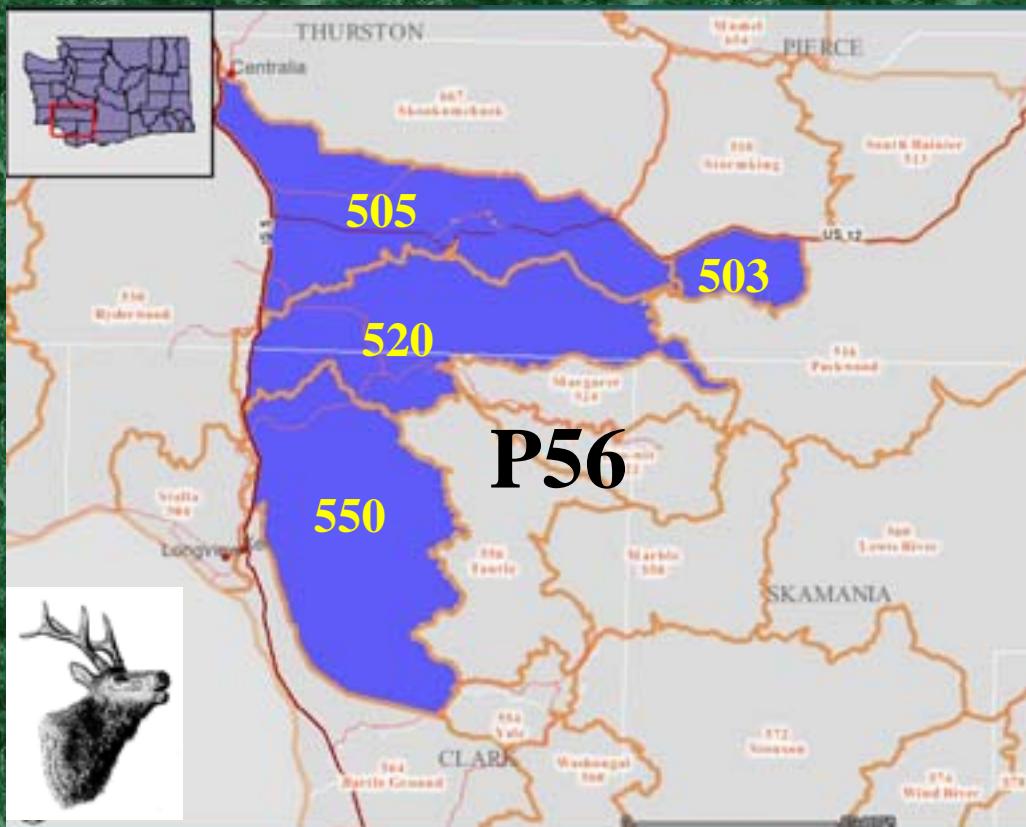


2004

Hunters	747
Harvest	57
Success	8 %

Only Bulls

Population Management Unit 56 Elk



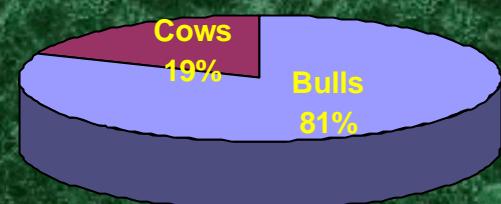
2004

Hunters 8,427

Harvest 825

Success 10 %

Elk Harvest PMU 56



Population Management Unit 57 Elk

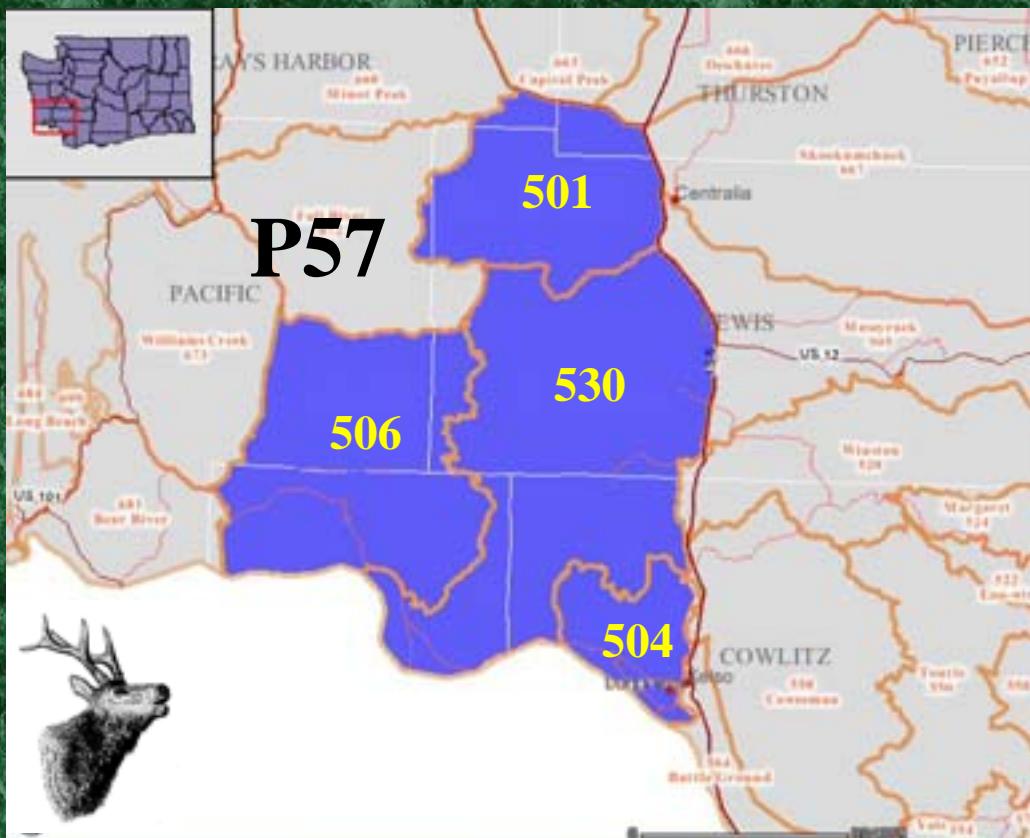
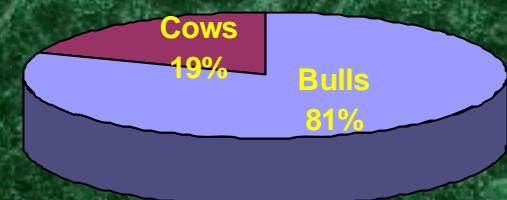
2004

Hunters 6,957

Harvest 714

Success 10 %

Elk Harvest PMU 57



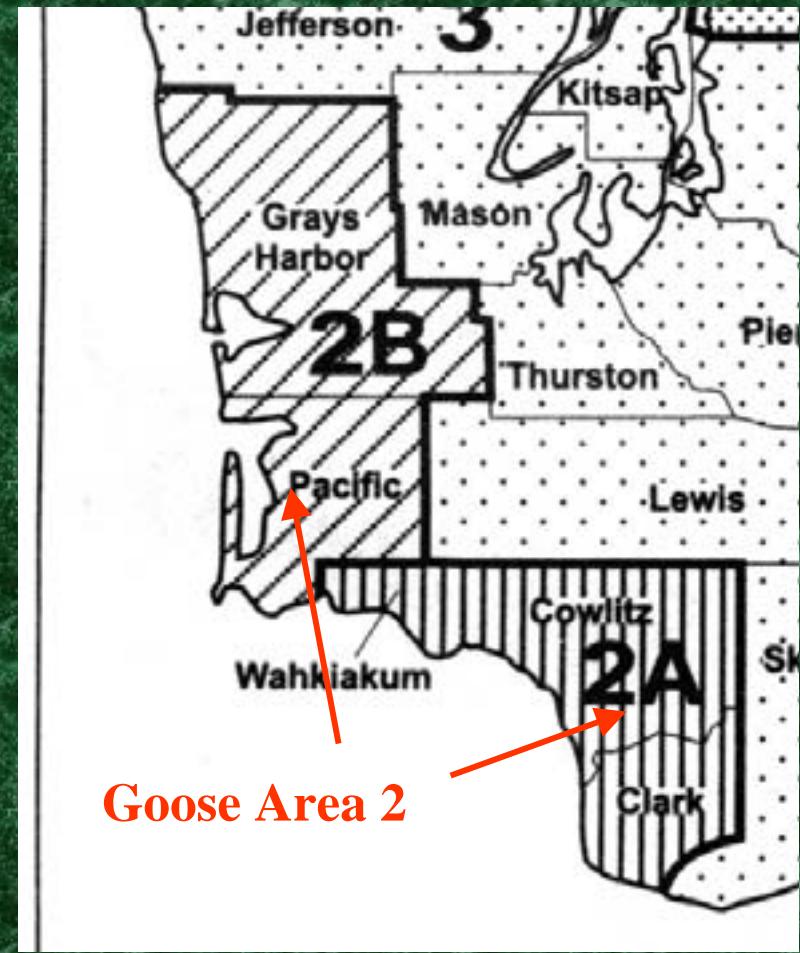
Waterfowl Hunting



- Area 2 Goose harvest
 - 2,460 harvested in 2004
 - 36% increase from 2003

Goose Hunt Program

Hunters in Area 2 must bring all Canada geese to check stations to be measured



Population Trends



- Dusky numbers are up.
 - Increase to over 21,000
- Cackler numbers are down.
 - Concern raised by subsistence hunters

New Bag Limit



- 4 Canada geese
 - Only 2 cacklers

Longer Area 2a goose season and more days



2005 2a Season Dates

General Season Zone 1 (Ridgefield)

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Nov.			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Dec.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Jan.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

30 days

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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25 days

2005 2a Season Dates

All Zones

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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47 days

Also....

- Special late season depredation hunt
 - Feb. 4 to Mar. 8
 - Sat. and Wed.
 - AHE only



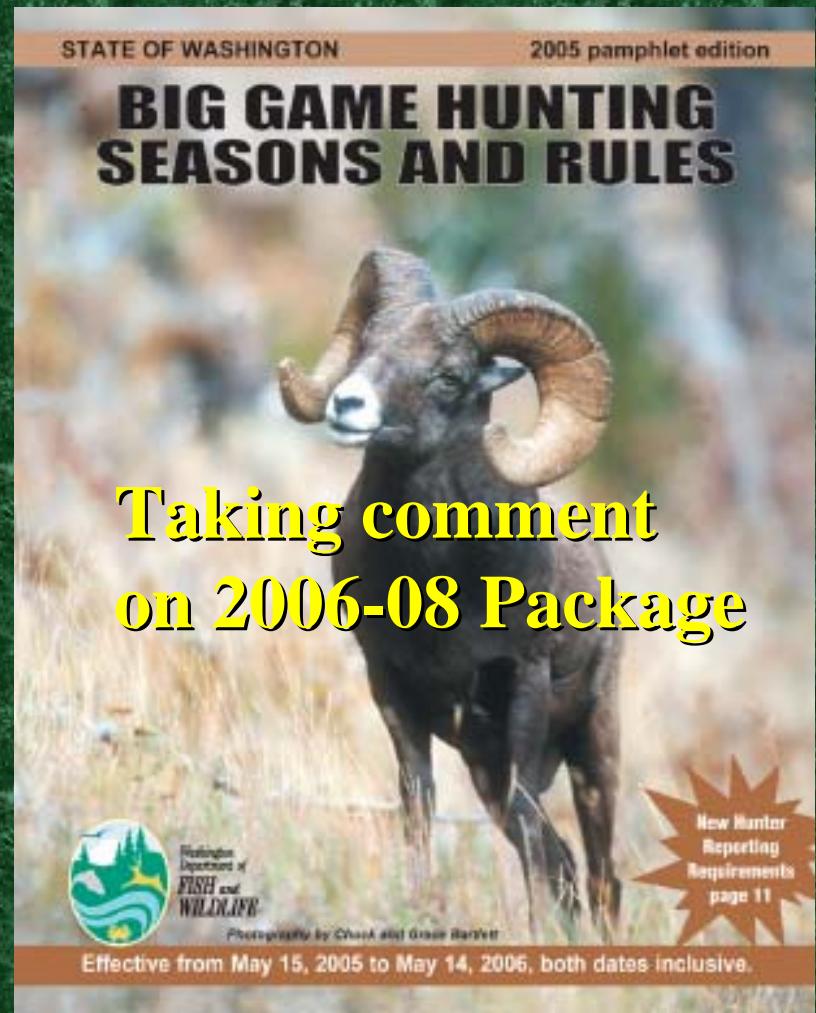
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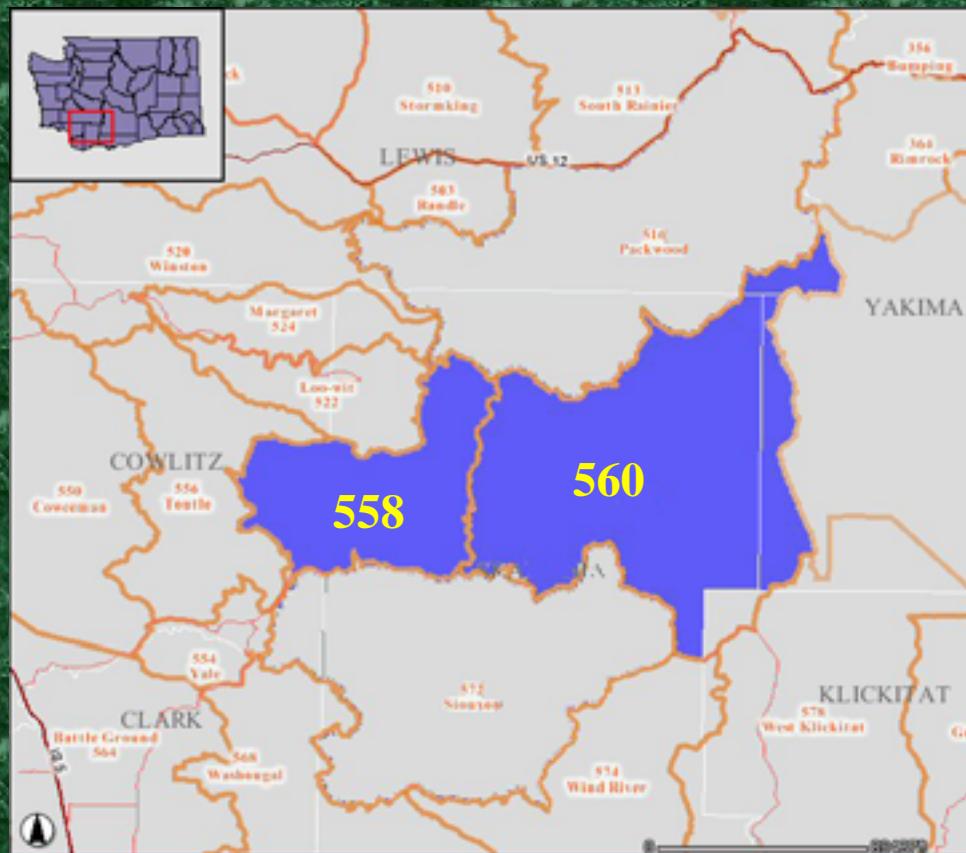
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3yr Season Setting

- More than 90 issues proposed
 - Public input sought
 - Final Public Meetings scheduled for January 2006
 - Vancouver Meeting January 17, 2006

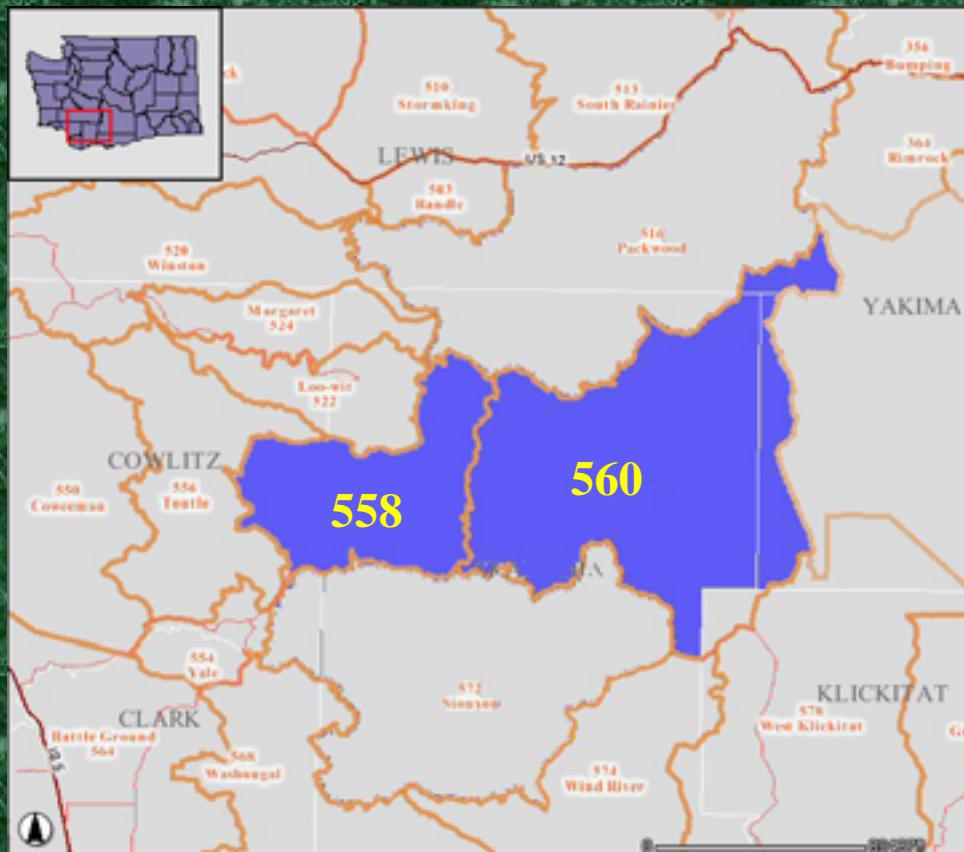


Boundary Change



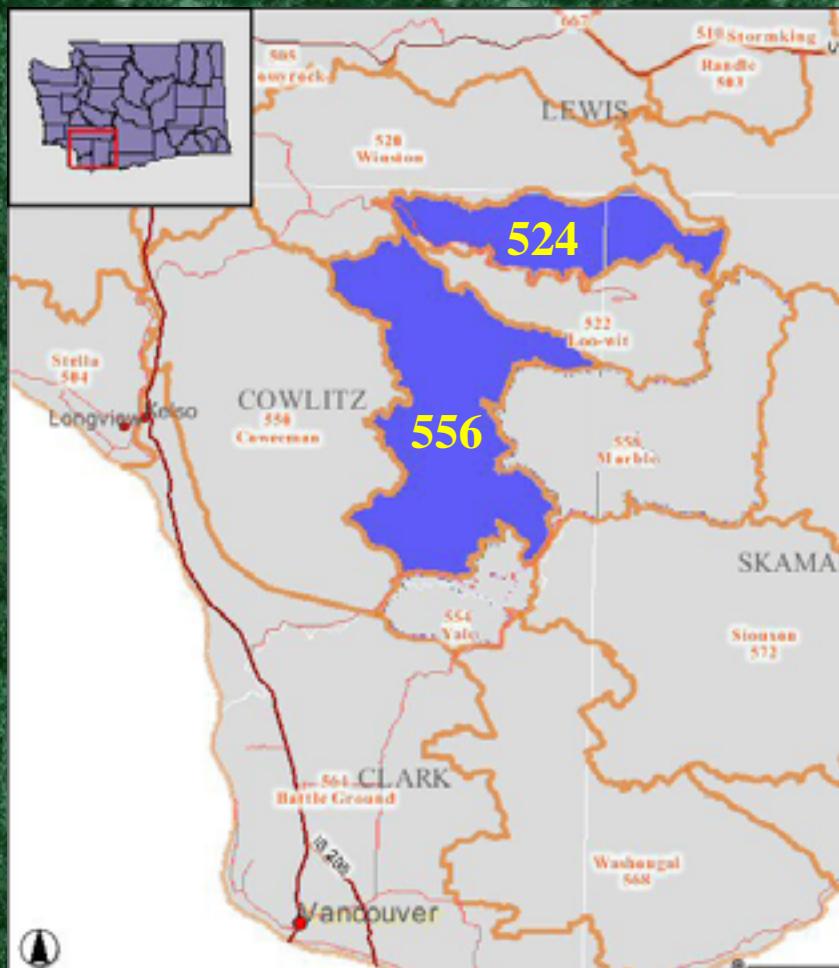
- Combine the Marble (GMU 558) and Lewis River (GMU 560)
- Will eliminate 2pt buck restriction in (Marble)

Boundary Change



- 2pt restriction isn't working
 - Not biologically sound for BT deer
- This change simplifies regulations
- Not much of a change for elk

Toutle and Margaret Permit Elk



- Move the archery elk hunt out of fire season.
 - Current rule results in lost opportunity most years
 - Requests for point restoration

Toutle and Margaret Elk Some Options

- Status quo
- Option 1: Archers hunt later in Sept.
Muzzleloaders bumped later in Oct.
- Option 2: Archery in Oct, Muzzleloaders follow
later in Oct.
- Option 3: Archers hunt in one GMU (556 or
524) in early Oct, Muzzleloaders hunt the other
- Option 4: Modern Rifle hunt only
- Option 5: General season for all

Wind River - GMU 574

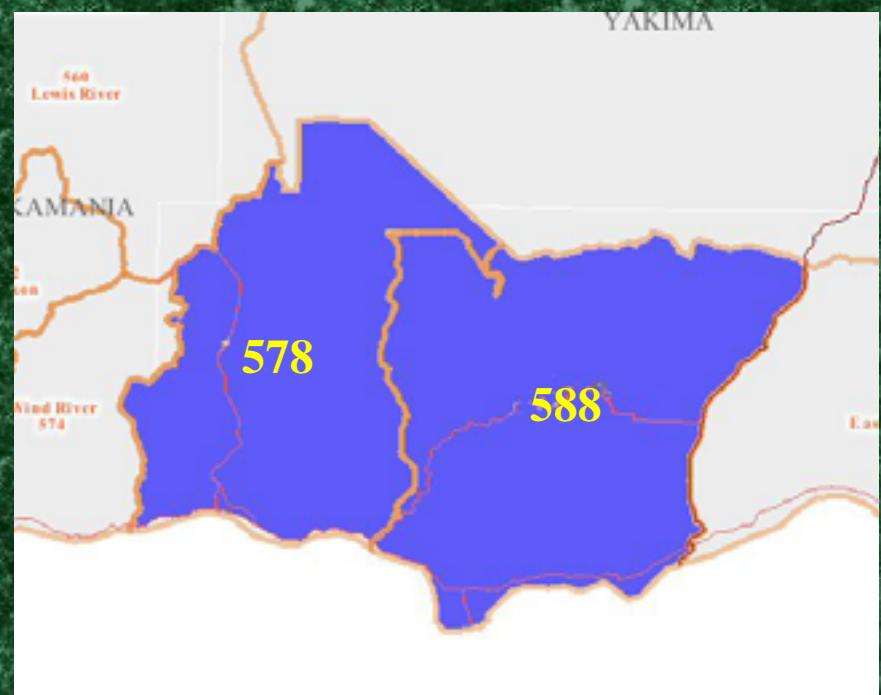
- 2pt deer restriction not biologically sound
 - Unnecessary restriction
- GMU 574- Option
 - General W. Wash. BT season
 - End 2pt restriction
 - Keep late buck by permit only



W. Klickitat & Grayback

GMUs 578, 588

- Need to increase buck/doe ratio
- 2pt restriction not biologically sound.
 - Not protecting yearling bucks



GMUs 578, 588

GMU 578-588 proposal

- General E. Wash.
“Mule Deer” season
- Go to 3pt restriction
- Late buck by permit
only



Battleground - GMU 564

GMU 564

- Attractive season with little opportunity
- Any weapon tag until Dec. 31

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Firearm Restricted Deer Hunts Open To All Deer Hunters

Hunting license and deer tag required. Archery and muzzleloader hunters must use hunting method in compliance with tag. Check firearm restrictions. Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader or revolver type handguns only. In firearm restriction areas, modern firearm hunters may hunt with a muzzleloader equipped with a scope. Hunter Orange required.

Hunt Area	2005 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)/Areas	Legal Deer
Western Washington Blacktail Deer	Oct. 15-31	410, Vashon & Maury Islands	Any deer
	Nov. 23-Dec. 31	564	Any deer

Battleground - GMU 564

- Proposal
 - Remove it from page 29.
 - Each weapon tag hunts their own season

Example using 2005 seasons

Late Buck	Nov. 17-20
Late Archery	Nov. 23 – Dec. 15
Late Mzzl	Nov. 23 – Dec. 15

Archery and Muzzleloader overlap

You comments are welcome.



Comment forms available on back table.



Thank You